

# STAR program changes

As a result of recent law changes, some homeowners will receive a STAR check directly from New York State instead of receiving a school property tax exemption. The amount of your benefit will be the same regardless of how you receive it.

Beginning with the 2016-2017 school year, new STAR applicants will need to register with the Tax Department to receive a STAR check. Registration will begin soon.

## **Current STAR exemption recipients**

- Current Basic and Enhanced STAR exemption recipients will keep their exemption as long as they continue to own their current home.
- Current Enhanced STAR exemption recipients who are not enrolled in the Income Verification Program must continue to file a renewal application with their local assessor each year.